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Dear Ms. Stutt:

Thank you for your letters outlining the Allergy and Environmental Health Association's concerns about the ministry's initiative to address environmental sensitivity.

I appreciate the time you have taken to send in your Association's views and suggestions. Your input is important.

I have noted your concern that health consumers have not been involved in the process. Members of a former ministry Advisory Committee on Environmental Hypersensitivity and additional members, including consumers, have been appointed to a Clinical Research Advisory Board for the joint clinical/ research program.

The proposed clinic will not be an environmentally controlled unit. However, the ministry and local consumers who sit on the board are visiting the proposed site to ensure it is free of the substances known to trouble people with sensitivities.

We hope the proposed clinical research program will help define environmental sensitivities and other non-specific disorders better and lead to improved treatment and diagnosis of them.

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Ms. Elizabeth Stutt

The ministry would be pleased to include your association on its provincial committee. As you may know, part of this committee's role will be to develop and distribute information about these non-specific disorders to both health care providers and the public.

Again, I wish to thank you for your valuable input. I assure you that your association's comments have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Grier
Minister